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THE COMMERCIAL IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PURPOSES IS PROHIBITED ACCORDING TO LAW NO 6136 ON FIREARMS. EXCEPTIONS TO THAT LAW ARE PROVIDED IN LAW NO 4374 WHICH PLACES GUNS AND AMMUNITION UNDER STATE MONOPOLY. LAW 4374 STIPULATES THAT SPORTING GUNS, HUNTING RIFLES, REVOLVERS, BULLETS, SHELLS, ETC., ARE TO BE MADE IN AUTHORIZED FACTORIES AND THAT IF THESE FACTORIES CANNOT PRODUCE SUCH FIREARMS IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES, PERMISSION TO IMPORT SUCH FIREARMS MAY BE GIVEN BY MINISTRY OF CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES (MCM) TO LICENSED FIRMS OR PERSONS. OFFICIALS OF MCM TOLD EMBASSY THAT SUCH PERMISSION HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED IN RECENT YEARS BECAUSE LOCAL PRODUCTION HAS BEEN SUFFICIENT TO MEET TURKEY'S COMMERCIAL NEEDS.
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